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1.DECEMBER 7 REUTER'S ITEM FROM BUENOS AIRES FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. TWO LAWYERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL HERE FOR TELLING A U.S. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE THAT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED AGAINST ARGENTINA, JUDICIAL SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THEY SAID GUSTAVO ADOLFO ROCA AND LUCIO GARZON MACEDA FACE CHARGES OF PROMOTING POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE STATE.

MR. ROCA, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, AND MR. GARZON MACEDA, A UNION LAWYER, WERE REPORTED HERE TO HAVE MADE STATEMENTS LAST SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON BEFORE A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA. UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON
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THIS NEWS ITEM, INCLUDING LAW UNDER WHICH LAWYERS ARE

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